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Pattern of conferences

Letter dated 8 September 2005 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing in connection with the provisions of section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Those subsidiary organs that wish to meet during a regular session of the Assembly must submit their requests through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received requests from the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Disarmament Commission, the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories and the Committee on Conferences itself to meet in New York during the main part of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered these requests and the reasons for them, does not object, on the strict understanding that such meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, so that the activities of the General Assembly itself are not adversely affected. The chairpersons of these bodies will also be informed of the statistics relating to their utilization of conference services in the past. If the benchmark figure of 80 per cent was not reached in the previous year, the Committee on Conferences will express its concern and make proposals for improvement.

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Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the United Nations Disarmament Commission, the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories and the Committee on Conferences to meet in accordance with their requests, subject to the conditions referred to in the foregoing paragraph.

(*Signed*) Diego **Simancas**
Chairman
Committee on Conferences

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Letter dated 12 September 2005 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly

1. At present nine Member States are in arrears under the terms of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations, which states:

> "A Member of the United Nations which is in arrears in the payment of its financial contributions to the Organization shall have no vote in the General Assembly if the amount of its arrears equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from it for the preceding two full years. The General Assembly may, nevertheless, permit such a Member to vote if it is satisfied that the failure to pay is due to conditions beyond the control of the Member."

2. The minimum payments necessary to reduce the amounts owed by those Member States on their contributions so that they remain below the gross amount assessed for the preceding two full years (2003 and 2004) are as follows:

Member State	*Minimum payment (United States dollars)*
Central African Republic[a]	335 017.00
Comoros[a]	733 960.44
Georgia[a]	5 308 213.72
Guinea-Bissau[a]	474 717.00
Liberia[a]	1 126 717.00
Niger[a]	311 883.34
Sao Tome and Principe[a]	577 717.00
Somalia[a]	1 006 017.00
Tajikistan[a]	996 680.84

[a] By its resolution 59/312 of 14 July 2005, the General Assembly decided that the Central African Republic, the Comoros, Georgia, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, the Niger, Sao Tome and Principe, Somalia and Tajikistan should be permitted to vote in the General Assembly until the Assembly takes a final decision during the main part of its sixtieth session.

(*Signed*) Kofi **Annan**
Secretary-General

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